

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

GRAD-004 Graduation Requirements Revisions

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Goal:

Incorporate legislative requirements and State Board of Education policy while taking into consideration the needs of all public schools in order to provide the most flexibility for LEAs in terms of student scheduling, quality instruction, and staffing.

Factors to Consider:

-Current Graduation Requirements of four courses

- American History I and II (AHI/AHII)
- World History (WH)
- American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics (AHFPCE)

-New Legislated Graduation Requirements for entering 9th graders:

- Legislation (SL 2019-82, HB 924) states that only four full-course credits in social studies may be required for high school graduation
- Legislation (SL 2019-82, HB 924) states that one course must be required for the 9th graders entering in 2020-21:
 - Economics and Personal Finance
- Legislation (SL 2019-82, HB 924) states that one course must be required for the 9th graders entering in 2021-22:
 - Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy

-Revised Social Studies Standards available for classroom use starting 2020-21 based on SBE process but meant for classroom use in 2021-22 after a year of installation.

-A recent survey indicated that 80% of respondents would prefer that the SBE/NCDPI provide guidance for course sequencing and do not mandate a certain sequence for courses.

-If maintain Current Graduation Requirements and begin New Graduation Requirements as they are, a school could have up to 7 courses being implemented at the same time. Visual Timeline below.

The Development and Feedback Process:

- Two major state-wide webinars for feedback
- Multiple ways to provide written feedback and express questions
- CAO Advisory Council Feedback
- Multiple meetings internally and externally
- Statewide survey regarding course sequencing

VISUAL TIMELINE for Students from 2015-16 to 2025-26

Green- SBE Policy; Pink/Orange- Legislated

15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
WH										
AMHI										
AMHII										
AHFPCE										
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If some sort of policy is not adopted, these multiple courses would need to be offered and staffed for schools starting in 2020-2021. In 2021-22, there would be the need for 7 courses					AH I					
					AH II					
					AMFPCE					
					WH	WH new				
						AH				
					EPF					
						FPUSA NC: CL				
15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
	If policies put forward are adopted, schools could offer just these four courses from 2020-2021 or more of them if they chose.				WH					
					AH					
					EPF					
					FPUSANC: CL					

NCDPI Recommendation:

After careful consideration of all factors and feedback from district leaders, teachers, and others, NCDPI recommends the following:

Current SS Courses for Graduation	Proposed SS Courses for Graduation for 2020-21 onwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World History (WH)• American History I (AH1)• American History II (AH 2)• American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics (AHFPCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World History (WH)• American History (AH)• Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy (FPUSANCCCL)• Economics and Personal Finance (EPF)
Current SS Courses for Graduation	Proposed SS Courses for Graduation for students already in high school from 2014-15 until 2019-20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World History (WH)• American History I (AH1)• American History II (AH 2)• American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics (AHFPCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World History (WH)• Combination of American History Courses:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AH I and AH II○ AH I or AH II and another social studies credit (that could be the EPF course)○ American History and another social studies credit (that could be the EPF course)• A Course on the Founding Principles:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AHFPCE or○ FPUSANCCCL

Note: Occupational Course of Study students' graduation requirements are also being proposed to provide options for LEAs. See actual policy revisions.